

Mansfield Middle School Association
November 3, 2015 Minutes
Draft

In Attendance: Jean Johnson, Lisa Drzewiecki, Erika Blanchette, Patty Braithwaite, Marie Hodrinsky, Melissa Belden, Ana L. Fidantsef, Sarah Delia, Esther Soffer-Roberts, Celine Demers-Schiffler, Candace Morell, Larry Barlow

1. **Call to Order:**

Jean J. called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

2. **Special Guest Speaker(s):**

Virginia Walton discussed her new program 'Food Too Good to Waste'. Our town has grant money to use at any/all of the four schools in town interested in being a part of the program. Families will measure the food wasted at home, spend a few weeks learning about ways to decrease the amount of food wasted, then re-measure at the end of the program. A brief discussion followed about how we would fit the program into our school day. Candace will meet with teachers. Student council may be a good place to start. Esther, Celine, Patty, and Jean volunteered to help with this. Will meet soon to discuss plans.

3. **Approval of the minutes:**

Melissa B. motioned to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2015 meeting.

Erika B. 2nd the motion, Approved.

4. **Officers Reports:**

President, Jean Johnson:

Thank you for the playground donation - it was very appreciated by the volunteers!

Vice-President, Erika Blanchette:

Nothing to report

Treasurer, Lisa Drzewiecki:

We received a \$500 Kohl's Care check for last years Field Day.

We turned in 1,243 box tops thanks to the UCONN donations. Patty B. will be send a thank you.

Secretary, Patty Braithwaite:

Nothing to report

5. **Administrators Report:**

Report card will go our on November 12th.

Picture retake day is Tuesday November 10th.

2nd quarter after school activity form will be going home this Thursday - and programs will start on the 16th. A brief discussion followed about the virtual lab program that Hope Mulholland is running.

330 students were involved in the fall after school program.

5th and 8th graders will be participating in the Hour of Code.

Parent-Teacher conferences will be held in the afternoon on Monday the 23rd, and in the evening on Tuesday the 24th. Parents can sign up on line or talk to their child's guidance counselor.

Wednesday November 25th the 7th and 8th graders will participate in the college/career awareness program.

On January 5th there will be an Early Awareness Financial Aid meeting

December 1st - the school will open the production website for the Spring Musical.

6. Faculty Report:

No report

7. Old Business:

The Winter bake sale will be held on December 16th during the Orchestra/Choral concert. A Q-notify will go out with information about volunteering/baking. Gifts made by Tech Ed students will be on sale as well.

The Box Top Competition will begin in November. The Homeroom with the most box tops will have the honor of SLIMING Mr. Barlow at the Spirit Week Pet Rally in February!

8. New Business:

9. Fundraising:

10. Other Business:

Grant Request Discussion

The MMSA received 17 grant requests totaling 15,000. (See list complete list attached).

The list was reviewed - two changes were made:

Jean motioned we increase the amount for the 8th grade field trip to the Bushnell. The MMSA will provide the transportation money for each student totaling \$700 (this is \$200 increase), Esther S 2nd, approved.

Patty B. asked if we could fund part of the grant for Sharon Cline. Discussion followed. The MMSA will contribute \$300 towards the purchase of Sports Stacking kits. Melissa B. motioned to accept this, 2nd by Esther S, approved.

Briefly discussed the Grant request from Bob Burrington. The MMSA funded one of the 3D printers and all proceeds from the Winter Bake Sale will go towards funding the second one.

11. Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at around 8:27 PM.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday February 2, 2016

*Respectfully submitted,
Patty Braithwaite, Secretary*

Name of Applicant	Description of Project	Student Population	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended for Funding
Sherry Andrews (5 th)	"Horizon Wings", a nonprofit Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, would come to MMS for an hour-long presentation to 5 th graders. This would help the students understand the life and rehabilitation of birds of prey.	All 5 th grade students	\$375	\$375
Sherry Andrews (5 th)	Hempstead Stage Company would come to MMS to do a performance of Shakespeare for the Common Core.	All 5 th grade students	\$535	\$535
Sharon Cline, Special Ed Teacher	After school club for Sports Stacking (10 kits). Sport Stacking is an amazing sport of fitness, agility, concentration and quickness. This is an individual and team sport that involves stacking specialized plastic cups in specific sequences in as little time as possible.	All grade levels	\$609.80	\$0
Lisa Corriveau	One or two timpanis for band (tuning device for percussion). Our current equipment is unable to be tuned by students. The current equipment is approximately 45 years old. Cost of 1 timpani is \$1,525 and one is \$1565 (total cost for both is \$3,090).	All band students	\$3,090	\$1,525

Nora Dickinson (FCS)	Kitchen Aid for FCS. Students will also be measuring and following recipes while preparing food (math and reading). Students are also relying on working as a team to create culinary dishes.	All 5th and 7th grade students/75% of 8th graders	\$440	\$440
Ken Johnson	16 Ukuleles- Ukulele's would be used to add a practical component to 5th and 6th grade music curriculum. Students would be taught to write a chord progression (music theory), then teach them to play the progression on ukulele (performance application).	All 5th and 6th grade students	\$800	\$800
Rochelle Marcus	Subsidized tickets to performance at Bushnell Theater in Hartford of one-woman show, "Warriors Don't Cry" to support Lit, LA, and social studies curricula. Tickets are \$10 per student, and the bus will cost another \$5. Grant is requesting funding of five to ten dollars per student, at a cost of approximately \$700 to \$1400 in sum.	All 8th grade students	\$700 - \$1,400	\$500
Karen Molloy and Nora Dickinson	Supplies (rewards, tokens for incentive and recognition) and healthy snacks for participants in the FEET Club	60 students per quarter	\$250	\$250

Melissa Szych and Julie Hodgson	Dr. James Golden, the Education Director of the Mark Twain House, visits local schools with a large collection of primary and secondary resources that allow students to learn about Twain, and more importantly, life in Connecticut during the 1800's. All 8th grade students would have the opportunity to visit the Twain House as well as participate in this study of primary and secondary sources.	All 5 th -8 th grade students	\$400	\$400
Ryley Zawodniak	Costumes and set building/painting materials for the spring musical at MMS. Request is for \$700 for costumes and \$700 for set and painting materials.	All band students	\$1,400	\$800
Eileen Melody	Purchase of 50 Trappers/Binders for kids whose parents can't afford to buy them one.	8-10% of kids	\$900-\$1,000	\$500
Bob Burrington	Two 3-D printers. The printers would be used for S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) based learning projects.	All grade levels	\$999.98	\$500
Sylvia Griffin and Ann Scalley	Ellison die cuts for bulletin boards/projects to be used by whole school as needed.	All students and staff	\$170.00	\$0

Hope Mullholland	3 littleBits Student sets to be used in 5th grade science. LittleBits sets are Lego type blocks that can be used to understand electricity and electronics. Each little-Bits set accommodates 8 students. Each set costs \$274.	All 5th grade students	\$822.00	\$548
Hope Mullholland	Items for programming club. Kano Kit (\$149.99), Spark by Sphero (\$259.80), and Little Bits Gizmos and Gadgets (\$199.95).	30 students per quarter	\$609.95	\$410
Ken Johnson, Karen Molloy, Elyse Poller, Adam Ramsdell	Replace current bike rack near the MMS music wing with two new racks. This would encourage kids to ride to school and would support after-school bike club participants. Cost is approximate.	Unknown	\$1,000.00	\$0
Rochelle Marcus, Donna Koropatkin, Annie Perkins	4-10 bean bags for the 8th grade classes. The bean bags would be used for reading and small group work. Cost ranges from \$30-\$119, depending on the type of bean bag.	8th grade students	\$250 - \$1000	\$500

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